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Dear Parents;

As August approaches and we start to think about returning to school, there are numerous things to plan and implement that we have never had to think about before. Although we cannot provide a lot of specific detail at this time, our goal is to be physically in school when the day arrives in September. We will need a lot of assistance and cooperation from students, staff and parents if we are to have a safe learning environment at Stratton School this year, and I am confident we can develop a plan to achieve this.

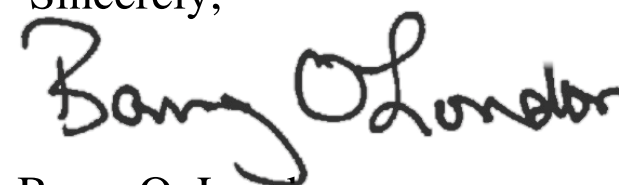
As many of you know, the State has provided guidelines and expectations of what needs to happen in order to minimize the impact of the COVID virus. Between the media reports, the state agencies' information, and the local personal perspectives, it is difficult sometimes to fully understand the complexities and magnitude of the pandemic.

For now, I would like to share some things that we have done and will be doing in the coming weeks. We have communicated with area schools to develop consistent practices where possible; discussed with school maintenance and medical staff to address the specifics of the state guidelines for personal protection equipment (PPE) and school sanitization; forming a Collaborative Planning Committee to address the four parts of the framework for returning to school as outlined by the state (<https://www.maine.gov/doe/framework>); hiring staff to address academic needs and applying for federal and state grants to defray the costs. A lot has been accomplished but there is still more to do in order to provide the safe, quality educational experience we all expect for our students and staff.

In the weeks leading up to the opening of school, we will be providing more information as things develop and current conditions dictate a course of action. I want to thank you in advance for your support and your patience as we all work together in these uncertain times.

Stay safe and contact us when you have questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,



Barry O. London

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